THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Funds provided by Railways year-wise are :

1990-91	Rs.	5.00 lakhs
1991-92	Rs.	5.00 Lakhs
1992-93	Rs.	196.00 Lakhs
1993-94	Rs.	63.86 Lakhs
1994-95	Rs	85.14 Lakhs
1995-96	Rs.	43.21 Lakhs
1996-97	Rs.	10.60 Lakhs

No information is available about funds provided by the State Govt. of Orissa.

(b) and (c). Railway portion of work is completed. Work on approaches and opening of Road Over bridge to traffic is done by State Govt.

(d) Footpath has been provided on the Road Over bridge for pedestrians. Vehicles have to use the Road Over Bridge.

Expenditure on Providing Facilities to Vaishnodevi Pilgrimage

4163. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government and the State of Jammu and Kashmir incur any expenditure on providing facilities for Vaishnodevi pilgrimage;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred during each of the last three years; and

(c) the estimated number of pilgrims who benefited therefrom during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b). The Department to Tourism, Govt. of India has provided financial assistance amonting to Rs. 37.83 lakhs during the last three years to the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir for development of tourists facilities at Vaishnodevi. In addition the State Govt. built a Yatrika at Katra at an expenditure of more than Rs. 1 crore for the use of pilgrims visiting Vaishnodevi.

(c) During the last three years 1,11,06,807 pilgrims visited Vaishnodevi.

Modernisation of Railway Stations

4164. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the funds earmarked to modernise the Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year;

(b) the details of funds proposed to be spent on each railway station;

(c) the target fixed for achievement of modernisation of Railway Stations where works are in progress;

(d) whether the Guntur Railway Junction has been included for its modernisation during the current financial year;

(e) if so, the details of work proposed to be undertaken; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Allocation of funds for modernisation of various railway stations are provided to the Railway Zones according to their requirements and no state-wise bifurcation of allocations are maintained. During the current year adequate funds are provided to Central, South Central and South Eastern Railways to undertake various passenger amenity works in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Works taken up are progressing as per schedule.

(d) to (f). Guntur Junction railway station has already been provided with amenities commensurate with the volume of traffic handled and therefore, there is no proposal at present.

Indian Manpower Lease Bill

4165. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a 'Indian Manpower Lease Bill' taking into consideration the need of highly qualified Indian professionals to execute various major and mega projects in India due to economic reforms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Railway Line

4166. SHRI RAMSAJEEVAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to include new railway line for which survey has already been completed from Sitapur to Bahraich in Budget for 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The survey report has been sent to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

(c) Does not arise.